

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9041  
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AMEMBASSY MEXICO

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 0695

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, MASS, MX, GT  
SUBJ: PRESS CUIDANCE ON F-5 SALES TO MEXICO AND GUATEMALA

REF: STATE 26801 (NOTAL)

1. WE NOT FROM REFTEL THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN DIS-  
CUSSING POSSIBLE F-5 SALES TO MEXICO ANDSGUATEMALA  
STATED THAT "INSOFAR AS THE GUATEMALAN ARE CONCERNED WE DO NOT  
HAVE A FORMAL REQUEST FROM THEM FOR AIRPLANES .... IT IS  
MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AN INFORMAL DIS-  
CUSSION OF THE MATTER."

2. THERE HAS THUS FAR BEEN NO REACTION FROM THE GOG TO  
THIS STATEMENT, BUT WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT IT IS IN-  
ACCURATE. PREISIDENT LAUGERUD FORMALLY REQUESTED THE  
F-5S IN A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1977 TO THE AMBASSADOR  
AND CALLED IN THE CHARGE TO HAND HIM THIS LETTER ON  
SEPTEMBER 26 (77 GUATEMALA 6058 AND 6063).DEFENSE  
MINISTER SPIEGELER CALLED IN THE MILGP COMMANDER ON  
OCTOBER 11 TO PRESS FOR AN EARLY FAVORABLE REPLY  
(77 GUATEMALA 6373). SINCE THEN PRESIDENT LAUGERUD  
HAS RAISED THE MATTER ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS WITH  
VISITING HIGH-LEVEL USG OFFICIALS FROM STATE, DOD,  
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AND SOUTH COM.

3. IF THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS  
MATTER WITH THE PRESS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT TO MAKE CLARIFICATION.  
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